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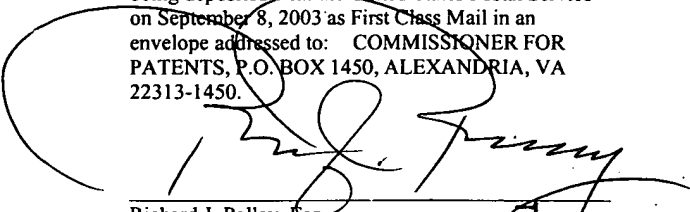
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONCENTRATING SAMPLES FOR  
ANALYSIS

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TECHNOLOGY CENTER 280C**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This responds to the Office action dated May 8, 2003.

A three-month period for response was set making a response due by August 8, 2003. A one-month extension is hereby requested, making a response due by September 8, 2003.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.**Remarks** begin on page 11.